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1. General M. Zheltov, head of the Political Bureau of the Soviet Army, has just arrived at Prague from Warsaw. His visit was in connection with a purge of the officer corps of the Satellite Armies, which was decided upon during the military conference in Moscow during February 1954.
2. The purge is directed particularly against the friends and close followers of Marshal Zhukov, now considered politically dubious by the Communist Party.
3. General Zheltov had several conferences with General Zeman, head of political administration of the Czechoslovak Army. On leaving Prague the general will proceed to Budapest, where there has been a crisis in the Hungarian General Staff. The purge there is affected by internal quarrels in the Hungarian Communist Party.

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